

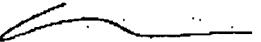
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REMARKS

Applicants are submitting this Response to the Office Action dated November 23, 2005. In the Office Action, Claims 1-3, 5-7, 10, 22 and 40-43 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph or second paragraph. In response, Claims 1, 10, 22 and 40 have been amended. Claims 8, 11-21, 24-26, 28-35, and 37-39 have been allowed. In view of same, Applicants respectfully submit that the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112 should be withdrawn, and thus, the application is now in a condition for allowance and respectfully request that it be passed to allowance. If any issues should remain with respect to the examination of this patent application, Applicants respectfully request that the Patent Office contact Applicants' undersigned attorney.

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